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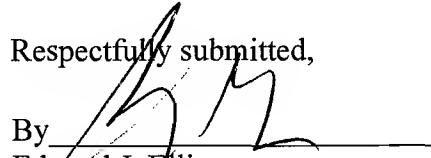
Applicants appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of the present application in which claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 stand allowed.

Claims 3, 5, 12 and 13 stand rejected based on prior art grounds. However, this ground of rejection is now moot in view of the present amendment in which these claims have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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